

CE-1268

Monroe House, Tome School for Boys

Bainbridge Naval Training Center

Port Deposit vicinity

Public (Restricted)

1902

Monroe House, a 1½-story stone building in a Beaux-Arts neoclassical style, was built as the dining hall for the Tome School and, with the three dormitories, formed the north end of the main quadrangle. In 1905, a new dining hall addition was added to the Tome Inn (CE-1263) and Monroe House became the gymnasium with the addition of a swimming pool and indoor "cage". In 1942, the Navy converted Monroe House for use as the base Officers' Club. It is currently the recreation center of the Susquehanna Job Corps Center.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CE-1268

Magi No. 0812684702

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Monroe House, Tome School for Boys

and/or common Building #6, Bainbridge Naval Training Center

## 2. Location

street &amp; number \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Port Deposit \_\_\_X vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Cecil

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name U.S. Navy, c/o Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic Division

street &amp; number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.: (804)444-9041

city, town Norfolk state and zip code VA 23511

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cecil County Court House liber W.E.B.25

street &amp; number \_\_\_\_\_ folio 423

city, town Elkton state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Description

Survey No. CE-1268

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Monroe House is a 1½-story stone building in Beaux-Arts neoclassical style with several additions located on the northeast end of the quadrangle of the former Tome School for Boys on the grounds of the Bainbridge Naval Training Center near Port Deposit, Maryland. It is now in use as part of the Susquehanna Job Corps Center.

The original portion of the building is the 1½-story stone section which faces the quadrangle. It has coursed ashlar walls with rusticated quoins, window arches, sills, and basement. A hexastyle Ionic portico in antis contains three main doorways with six-light double doors with paneled bases. Twelve-light transoms are over each doorway. Secondary doors to the end sections of the building also open on the portico.

The original slate gable roof has been replaced by composition material. Three dormers project from the roof on the main elevation. The central dormer is more elaborate than the others, with paired windows, a scrolled broken pediment with central pineapple motif, and scrolled consoles. The two flanking dormers have simpler triangular pediments and architrave trim.

At the rear of the building are a succession of additions. A low one-story stone extension contains a swimming pool and a taller gable roofed section with arched end windows contains a gymnasium. These two additions date from about 1905 to 1910 when Monroe House was converted from dining hall to gymnasium. The third section is a rambling, concrete block structure added by the Navy containing a snack bar and other facilities. An outdoor swimming pool was also built by the Navy immediately south of Monroe House.

The interior of the original section contains some original woodwork, although heavily painted. The mantelpiece is a particularly fine work reminiscent of English Renaissance woodwork.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. CE-1268

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1902 (original section) **Builder/Architect** Boring and Tilton

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☒ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

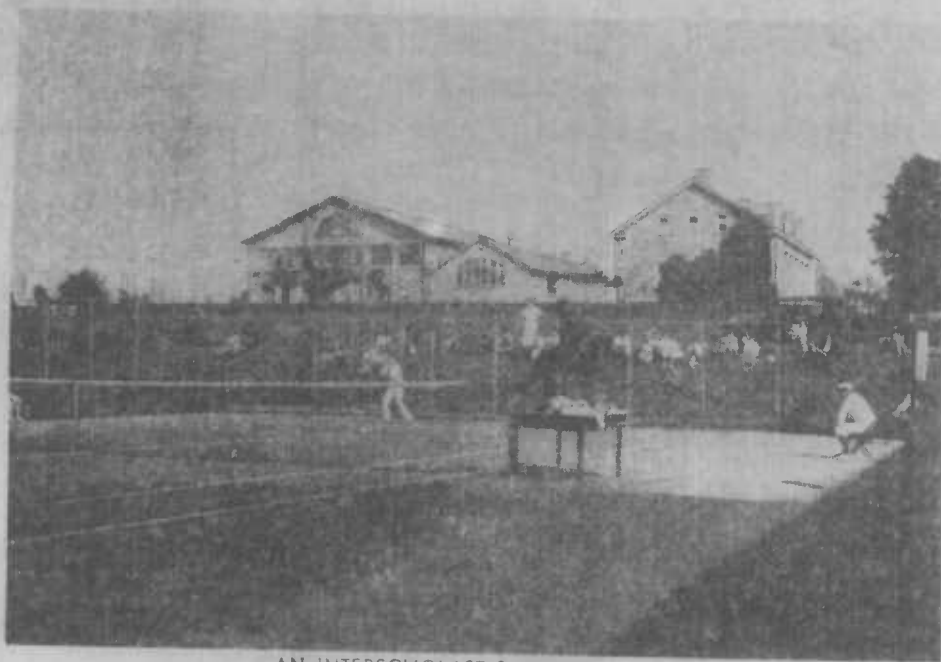
Monroe House was built as the dining hall of the Tome School for Boys and, with the three dormitories, formed the main quadrangle of the School. In 1905, the School's enrollment had outgrown the dining hall and a new dining hall was added to the Tome Inn (CE-1263). Monroe House was converted to the School's gymnasium with the addition of the swimming pool and the "cage" or gymnasium proper.

When the Navy acquired the Tome School property in 1942, more additions were made to Monroe House to convert it to the base Officers' Club. It is currently being used as the recreation center of the Susquehanna Job Corps Center.

Survey No. CE-1268

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

H | | | | | | | | | |



AN INTERSCHOLASTIC TENNIS MATCH

Tome School Historic District CE-1285  
Cecil County, Maryland

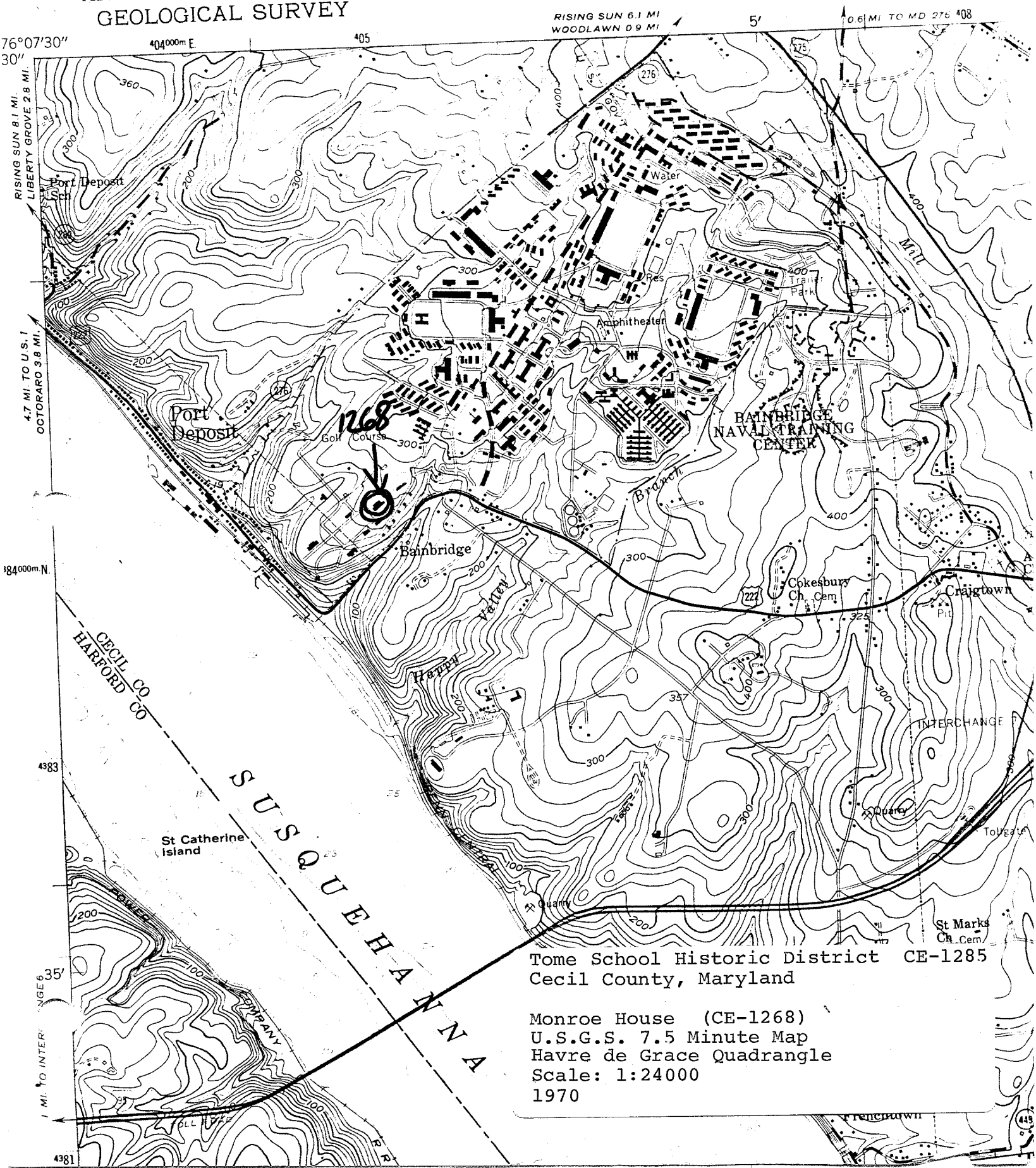
Monroe House (CE-1268)  
C. 1920 view from NW  
from school brochure



GOLF

C. 1920

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY







Tome School Historic District CE-1285

Cecil County, Maryland

photo: Janet Davis

neg loc: Maryland Historical Trust,  
Annapolis, MD

May 1982

Monroe House, main elev. (CE-1268)

1/2



Tome School Historic District CE-1285

Cecil County, Maryland

photo: Janet Davis

neg loc: Maryland Historical Trust,  
Annapolis, MD

May 1982

Monroe House, c. 1907 view fr. Jackson  
House portico (CE-1268) 2/2